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How I was introduced to how the world works.

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One of my greatest educational experiences was working at a call center on Capitol Hill as a young man. It was filled with ironies and life experience. For example, many of my coworkers were struggling to stay

When I started in tech sales circa 2007, one of the first things they said in training was, you don't want to sound like vendor verbal vomit. This blog is vendor verbal vomit. The only thing I have to sell is sin, confusion, blindness, vice, disorder, profanity, despair, and death. I hear that sometimes the Holy Spirit uses this

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above the poverty line. (I still remember one lady crying at her station about her financial situation.) But the bulk of the job was to make calls to raise money to support business and political interests that were neutral at best to the concerns of the poor. On the other hand, another co-worker exclaimed that he did not understand why anyone would want to be President of the United States because the salary was way too low to compensate for the stress. There was a guy there who lamented about how life passed him by in a career in the associations industry that found him constantly on the road—overindulging on hotel food which led to diabetes and other problems. He reveled in his wife’s status as a federal employee who had climbed to a high rung on the government pay scale ladder. They were holding on until she could retire, and they planned on moving to New England. Another guy was grey-haired—probably in his 60’s but was one of those forever-cool guys—and it wasn’t really an act for him. He came in one day wearing a polo shirt with the collar popped—per the then current youthful fad. He told us about how as a young man, he worked as a bar bouncer and had a boat which facilitated many sexual exploits with young women. He ended up with a wife and kids but he said that his wife complained that she already had enough children, and she

collage of cliches and foolishness to do some good.

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didn't need him to be another one. He said he wished that he had moved out to Denver & opened a restaurant, but it was too late. Another guy there was good on the phone, but felt trapped and wanted to get a better job—he would often quit, but then come back. His favorite saying was—every day above ground is a good day. Then there was another guy that was working there briefly while the paperwork was being finalized for his appointment to an apparently rather senior role at a federal agency. I remember talking to one young guy—recently moved to DC—about how he was raising so much money. He told me that he was just regurgitating what he heard on talk radio—and that riled people up enough to open their wallets. I could go on. This was when the reality of how the world really works began to dawn on me. I remember validating my impressions with forever-cool guy & longing-for-New-England-guy that there is so much bullshit in the world. I was reminded about all of this tonight because I was reading a book about the Beatitudes—which is Jesus' teaching on bullshit.

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nugget from a draft I'm working on: Radical contentment: God will provide. And if not, He is crucified with us, and we with Him. August 11, 2025

This ain't working.

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

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existential authenticity is about drawing a line in the sand and saying that the way I/we have been doing things is not working and we can't ignore it any longer. Some early existentialists said– we can't ignore WW2 (including 2 atomic bomb drops, bombing everything to rubble, and the holocaust). Maybe some of us said–we can't ignore that we did everything that the authority figures told us to do when we were growing up and it led us to a dead end. (Maybe we rebelled against those authority figures and reached a dead end there too.) We feel thrown into a life that we didn't ask for and the directions are all wrong and we're not sure what to do or who to trust.

But we summon our courage and we move forward. Some trial and error. We make tentative friendships and alliances with others that we meet along the way who are dealing with similar things. We have wins and losses. We succeed and fail and succeed again, and maybe fail again.

If we're going to focus on something irrelevant to the gospel, I think that we could come up with something better than western civilization. August 11, 2025
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We try different things to try to cope with the anxiety of it all. For some of us it's a big realization to even know that we are anxious in the first place!

But we keep going. We keep doing the right things–as best as we can–even if our understanding of what the right things are keeps changing. We experience family life in its many forms. We age. And maybe we think–was it worth it? Was I a fool for trying to be authentic–for trying to be honest about the situation that I found myself in–when I was young and the directions that I was given led to a dead end? Maybe we start to despair and conclude that life is pointless and meaningless–and it gets harder and harder to deal with it all. This is what Christians call a crucifixion–an existential crucifixion. Same thing happened to Jesus. He did everything right and ended up being executed in the worst way possible by an alliance between the religious authorities and the government. Life's a bitch, then you die.

But then something funny happened. There are conflicting reports about the details (i.e. the books of the new testament conflict about the details about what happened with the "resurrection" and scholars are always finding new things that disturb some Christians), but people started saying

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that Jesus is still alive. And they were willing to be martyred/tortured/killed rather than deny that Jesus was still alive. And they even started saying that the whole crucifixion business that Jesus went through was a GOOD thing. People thought they were nuts–still do today.

But some of these people stuck to their guns. This whole crazy thing where the crucifixion of your leader is good and then you turn around and say that he's actually still alive but you can't see him. It's INSANE! It's crazy. And then these people start saying yes I am insane–insane for Jesus–crazy for Jesus. Good grief.

BUT these people started saying that they had found peace and joy and empathy for the poor and all this other stuff. It seemed crazy but they invited us to join them and they went all over the world–probably annoyingly–and told everybody about this crazy story!

And then they looked at us very seriously and they told us–they said–yes, yes we are crazy as the normal way of looking at things would assess us. BUT it's a hell of a lot better than a way of looking at things that ends–if we're honest–with–life's a bitch then you die. And they were completely sober and sane and serious.

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